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NEW Section Member Benefits

Consumer PowerPoint and Brochures: Each of the Section on Geriatrics Special Interest Groups (SIGs) has completed a PowerPoint and brochure for consumer education that you can download and use for free! View these on the SIG web pages at www.geriatricspt.org by clicking "About Us," and "Special Interest Groups." Many thanks to the SIG volunteers who wrote these important resources.

Instructional CD: Also, Section on Geriatrics members get a \$50 discount on the new instructional CD produced by the Section: "Kypholordosis Measurement Using a Flexible Curve," presented by Carleen Lindsey, PT, MSc, GCS. The CD, which includes five videos demonstrating the measurement technique as well as several support documents, is only \$25 for SoG members, and \$5 from each purchase will be donated to the Geriatric Fund in the APTA Foundation. Read more about this product by visiting the online store at www.geriatricspt.org.

New Home Study Course released this month: "Topics in Geriatrics: Volume 3" is the newest release in the Section's Home Study Series. Monograph topics include: Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers, Bariatric Geriatrics, Fall Prevention, Health Promotion, Exercise Prescription, and Successful Aging. The course is only \$200 for Section members, and is worth 30 contact hours. You can read more at www.geriatricspt.org, by clicking "Education."

New Regional Course added to 2007 schedule!

We are excited to announce a new Regional Course to be added to our 2007 schedule: "*Physical Therapists as the Exercise Experts for the Aging Adult: Evidence-based Assessment and Exercise Prescription*"

Contact Hours: 15

Presenters: Marilyn Moffat, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA; Dale Lynn Avers, PT, DPT, PhD; Karen L. Kemmis, PT, DPT, MS, CDE

Dates: November 30-December 1, 2007 (8 am–5 pm)

Location: New York University Physical Therapy Department, New York, NY

Visit www.geriaticsppt.org and click on “Education” for course objectives and registration form.

Also, don't miss our course already scheduled for September:

“Exercise and Manual Interventions for Osteoporosis and Postural Change”

Contact Hours: 15

Presenter: Carleen Lindsey, PT, MSc, GCS

Dates: September 29 & 30, 2007 (8am – 5pm each day)

Location: Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames, IA

Balance and Falls SIG Welcomes New Chair

The Section on Geriatrics is pleased to welcome the new Balance and Falls Special Interest Group Chair, Judy Daniel, MSPT, GCS! Judy just received her GCS certification at the Combined Sections Meeting in Boston this past February, and we are thrilled to have her as a volunteer leader. Judy has already been communicating with APTA regarding upcoming initiatives related to Balance and Falls, and has sent an e-mail update out to all BF-SIG members. If you would like to join the BF-SIG, please send an e-mail with your name and/or APTA member number to danabrown@apta.org. SIG membership is a benefit of your Section on Geriatrics membership.

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The Section on Geriatrics is extremely grateful to Sandra Levi, PT, PhD for her outstanding and dedicated service as the Section's Research Chair. Dr. Levi is seeking her replacement, who will begin training for the position mid-July and serve through February 2011. We will accept applications for this position through 7/8/2007. Visit www.geriaticsppt.org and click on “About Us” to view the job description and application form. Questions? Contact 800/999-2782 x3238.

New Committee on Advanced Clinical Practice Seeks Members

The Section on Geriatrics Board of Directors has re-named the “Specialist Certification Committee,” to the “Advanced Clinical Practice Committee,” has appointed Greg Hartley, PT, MS, GCS to chair the committee, and has asked him to take on new projects to promote advanced clinical practice in geriatrics. This exciting new committee is currently accepting applications for committee

members. To read the job description, visit www.geriatricspt.org and click “About Us.”

Seeking Home Study Course Editor

The Section on Geriatrics is looking for someone to serve as editor for home study courses beginning in 2009. We are now accepting applications: the application deadline is 10/1/2007. The successful applicant will serve as co-editor in 2008, and full editor in 2009. The Section on Geriatrics produces one home study course per year, usually consisting of six monographs. The editor’s duties include: overall planning for the home study course, selection of topic(s) and an author for each monograph, ultimate responsibility for the content and quality of each monograph. Support is provided by the SoG office and the managing publisher. Honoraria for the editor includes: \$500/monograph while co-editor, \$1000/monograph while editor.

View the job description and application form at www.geriatricspt.org, by clicking “About Us.” Questions? Please contact the SoG office, jessicasabo@apta.org.

Reminder: SoG Offers Grants to Members for Residency Credentialing

Thinking of establishing a clinical residency or fellowship program? The Section on Geriatrics has established a grant to pay for a program’s credentialing application fee (up to \$1500.00 per award). Monies will be awarded on a “first come, first serve” basis. Grant applicants must be a Section on Geriatrics member, and must have submitted their credentialing application to APTA. Questions? Please contact Greg Hartley, PT, MS, GCS, Advanced Clinical Practice Committee Chair, at greghartley@bellsouth.net.

Side note: The 2007 House of Delegates amended the Bylaws of the APTA so that physical therapists who are enrolled in APTA credentialed post-professional residency and fellowship programs are eligible for reduced dues under the “Physical Therapist – Post Professional Student” category. This change has already been implemented by the Membership Department. Please contact APTA Membership at membership@apta.org if you have questions or need additional information.

APTA Expands “Open Door” Resource

Searching for Systematic Reviews and Controlled Trials Just Got a Little Easier

Open Door: APTA’s Portal to Evidence-based Practice (available free to APTA members at www.apta.org/OpenDoor) welcomes three databases from the Cochrane Collaboration, a premier source of medical evidence for treatments, diagnostic techniques, and preventive interventions. Go to the "Research journal

collections" section in Open Door to read more and use these databases. Questions? Interested in training or searching tips? Contact Gini Blodgett Birchett at opendoor@apta.org.

Now Accepting Consumer Brochure Contest Submissions

Participating in the Section on Geriatrics *Consumer Brochure Contest* is a great way for students to learn more about a geriatric topic and get practice presenting information to consumers. The deadline for submissions is December 20, 2007. Read more about this contest today at www.geriaticspt.org, by clicking on "About Us," and "SoG Awards."

Seeking Facilities for Regional Courses

Would you be interested in hosting a Section on Geriatrics regional course at your facility/school in 2008? If you would, contact Regional Course Chair Missy Criss immediately at mcrisspt95@yahoo.com.

New SoG Website Coming Soon!

Lucy Jones, PT, GCS, Section on Geriatrics Web Chair has been working diligently with our web designers to improve the look and organization of www.geriaticspt.org! The new site should be ready by August. Interested in being on the web committee to help improve our web resources? Visit the webpage and click "About Us" to read the Web Committee job descriptions and apply!

Recent Research in Gerontology

The titles of the following articles should link to the abstracts. If this is not working for you, please visit www.apta.org, click on "Research," on the left, click on "Open Door," then click on "Current Research in Physical Therapy."

[Acta Orthop](#). 2007 Apr;78(2):271-7.

Are distal radius fractures due to fragility or to falls?: A consecutive case-control study of bone mineral density, tendency to fall, risk factors for osteoporosis, and health-related quality of life.

Nordvall H, Glanberg-Persson G, Lysholm J.

[BMC Geriatr](#). 2007 Apr 4;7:7. [FULL TEXT]

Factors associated with physiotherapy provision in a population of elderly nursing home residents; a cross sectional study.

Leemrijse CJ, de Boer ME, van den Ende CH, Ribbe MW, Dekker J.

[Clin Exp Dermatol](#). 2007 Apr 8; [Epub ahead of print]
Plantar pressures are higher under callused regions of the foot in older people.
Menz HB, Zammit GV, Munteanu SE.

[Disabil Rehabil](#). 2007 Jan 30;29(2):155-62.
Cross-cultural validation of the Falls Efficacy Scale International (FES-I) in older people: results from Germany, the Netherlands and the UK were satisfactory.
Kempen GI, Todd CJ, Van Haastregt JC, Zijlstra GA, Beyer N, et al.

[Disabil Rehabil](#). 2007 May 30;29(10):767-83.
The development of a clinical practice stroke guideline for physiotherapists in the Netherlands: a systematic review of available evidence.
Van Peppen RP, Hendriks HJ, Van Meeteren NL, Helders PJ, Kwakkel G.

[Disabil Rehabil](#). 2007 May 30;29(10):785-90.
Characteristics of the Frenchay Activities Index one year after a stroke: a population-based study.
Appelros P.

[Disabil Rehabil](#). 2007 May 15;29(9):679-87.
The effect of spasticity, sense and walking aids in falls of people after chronic stroke.
Soyuer F, Ozturk A.

[J Aging Phys Act](#). 2007 Jan;15(1):75-89.
Construct validity and physical performance of older adults in different hierarchical physical-disability level.
Wang CY, Sheu CF, Protas E.

[J Am Geriatr Soc](#). 2007 Apr;55(4):489-98.
Kenosha county falls prevention study: a randomized, controlled trial of an intermediate-intensity, community-based multifactorial falls intervention.
Mahoney JE, Shea TA, Przybelski R, Jaros L, Gangnon R, et al.

[Nat Clin Pract Rheumatol](#). 2007 May 8; [Epub ahead of print]
Enhanced pharmacy review and community physiotherapy for knee pain in elderly patients.
Hinman RS, Crossley KM.

[Nurs Stand](#). 2007 Mar 14-20;21(27):35-8.
Aggression and violence towards staff working with older patients.
Mullan B, Badger F.

[Phys Ther](#). 2007 Apr 18; [Epub ahead of print] [FULL TEXT]
Sensorimotor impairments and reaching performance in subjects with poststroke

hemiparesis during the first few months of recovery.
Wagner JM, Lang CE, Sahrman SA, Edwards DF, Dromerick AW.

Thank you for your membership in the Section on Geriatrics!